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1. Events in Korea have resulted in a run on foodstuffs on the Sofia black market, particularly salt, flour, and sugar.
2. Generally, there is a feeling of elation among the remnants of the Bulgarian middle class and those who find they have no benefits under the present Communist regime. Their hope is that the situation will lead to a world war and the consequent liberation of Bulgaria from Communist rule.
3. No authoritative information is available on the inside official reaction except that government officials seem to have become increasingly nervous and irritated. The Soviet delegation which was to have attended ceremonies on the anniversary of Dimitrov's death on 2 July, is reported to have cancelled its visit and only the local Soviet Embassy official attended. The international situation was not, however, mentioned as a reason for the cancellation.
4. Although Yugoslav diplomats in Sofia are worried lest the situation develop into an East-West war, there seems to be no foundation for recent Belgrade reports that Bulgarian troops are being concentrated along the Yugoslav border. Previous to 4 July there had been no westward troop movement through Sofia on any scale.

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